

EQUALIZATION OF TAXES.

STATE BOARD RAISES NEW YORK COUNTY FIGURES \$188,000,000. The Board answers the assertions of engineers made by City Tax Commissioners...

ALBANY, Sept. 6.—The State Board of Equalization, comprising the elective State officers, the Lieutenant-Governor and the Speaker of the Assembly, met to-day and adopted the equalization table for 1899, based on the assessed values of real estate in each county for 1897.

The assessed value of real and personal property taxable locally for all purposes in the State for 1897 shows a net gain over the assessment of 1896 of \$301,625,828. The increase in real property assessment of 1897 over \$300,000,000. This enormous increase in real estate assessment throughout the State necessitated a considerable change in the list of percentages, upon which the table of equalization is based.

The total assessed value of real property in the State is \$4,349,901,626, and of personal property \$20,629,184. Compared with the preceding year the total assessed value of property increased about \$54,000,000. The assessed value of real estate in New York county is \$1,787,000,001, and of personal property \$301,004,741.

The equalization table for 1899 was submitted for adoption to the State Board of Equalization by the State Tax Commissioners, comprising Martin Heermance of Dutchess county, Edward L. Adams of Chemung, and Rollin L. Jenkins of Clinton. The commission also submitted the following report in denial of the claim of the New York City Tax Commissioners that the county district profit at the expense of New York City in the recognized assessed values of realty in the respective counties:

"In July last the Tax Commissioners of the city of New York presented in this board a statement relative to the State equalization, which is submitted as a part of this report, and which seems to require some comment. The Commissioners say that they have investigated for themselves the relative values of assessments, as compared with the actual value of real estate, in a number of counties, and find those counties credited by this board with percentages which are not less than much too high, and for eighteen counties they gave a list of percentages which, in their opinion, would be more just and equitable. We have asked for the evidence upon which this list was based, but it has not been produced and we have no knowledge of the methods used by which the same have been evolved."

"Concerning the ratio of assessment to real value in many of these counties, however, we have evidence of such a conclusive character as to show that the estimates by the city Commissioners as regards those counties is so grossly exaggerated as to make it impossible to do any amount of justice to them as a matter of any value. For instance, the Commissioners allege that Albany county should only be credited with 40 per cent, while in the table herewith presented it is given 78. It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the State Board of Equalization a committee appeared on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Albany county and made a strong argument, supported by documentary evidence, to show that Albany county was entitled to be rated at not less than 85 per cent. A long list of sales of real property in the city of Albany and in the towns of that county was presented, which, if accepted as valid, would have abundantly sustained that contention."

"The following figures taken from the equalization table of 1899, which was adopted to-day, show the percentage of assessment to real value in 1897, and the amount added to or deducted from the assessed value of realty in each county in fixing the equalization rate for 1899:

Table with 4 columns: County, Assessed value of real estate, Amount deducted, Amount added to assessed value. Lists counties from Albany to Wyoming with their respective values and adjustments.

Total \$4,849,801,826 \$208,947,560 \$208,947,560

FATHER AND SON MURDERED.

Their Slayer Himself Killed Soon Afterward While Retreating. NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 6.—John and Edwin B. Hoffman, formerly of Washington, D. C., were murdered on Monday at their lumber mill on the James River, opposite Jamestown. Their slayer was killed soon afterward while retreating.

Near the mill lived John B. Schmidt, a German. Some time after the Hoffman murder he owed him \$140 for timber. There was a dispute over the amount, and when young Hoffman tendered some money to Schmidt on Monday afternoon, Schmidt refused to accept it. Schmidt appeared at the mill and demanded his money. Hoffman, who was busy, said he would pay him when he came to the mill. Schmidt, whereupon Schmidt raised the Winchester he carried and fired eight shots into him. Some time after Hoffman returned to his father, who told him that Schmidt had shot him. Hoffman, who was a German, was killed by the shot. The body of Hoffman was found in a ditch near the mill. The body of Schmidt was found in a ditch near the mill. The bodies of both were taken to Washington for burial.

TWENTY MONTHS WITH NECK BROKEN.

Remarkable Case of C. M. Leighton Who Died as Result of Overwork. SEA CLIFF, L. I., Sept. 6.—Charles M. Leighton, 35 years old, died here yesterday after living twenty months with a broken neck. The case is remarkable in that the man, who was a well-to-do man, was not relieved of his suffering until he died. He was found dead in his bed on Monday morning. The cause of his death was a fracture of the neck, which he had sustained in a fall from a horse in 1898. He had been in bed ever since, and his condition had steadily improved until he died.

GOV. MOUNT OF INDIANA ILL.

How he Seized with Blindness a Week and His Desk as a Result of Overwork. INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6.—Gov. James A. Mount was seized with blindness, accompanied by severe pains in the back of the head, while seated at his desk in his office this morning. He was removed to his home, and his physician issued orders for him to have absolute rest for several days. He is now recovering from his illness, and it is believed that he will be able to return to his office in a few days.

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HEAT KILLS 182 IN SIX DAYS.

OVER 600 NOT MORAL PROSTITUTIONS IN THE SAME PERIOD.

Deaths in the Northwest Yesterday—We Are Not Likely to Have Them Here Just Yet. The heat wave is coming with evolutionary sluggishness. The temperature yesterday, for a few hours, was slightly hotter than the day before; that was between 7 A. M. and noon. At 3 P. M. the mercury began to fall. On Monday morning it stood at 81° in the north-east, and just before 6 o'clock, a gentle shower that lasted scarcely ten minutes and was accompanied with sunshine set the official temperature from 83° to 77°. The wind shifted to southeast and blew briskly at times, adding to the coolness created by the thunderous rain.

Even the sidewalk thermometers registered 30° at 4 o'clock, and later they did not go above that. The humidity was less by 9 per cent. in the early morning than it had been on Monday, and as there was an air stirring, dwellers in the city were able to sleep a bit. The weather was better equipped for the battle with the calorific power than on the day before. The death rate was reduced and the list of prostrations dwindled. The local meteorologist of the Weather Bureau, said that there were fronts moving in from the west, and that the weather was better equipped for the battle with the calorific power than on the day before. The death rate was reduced and the list of prostrations dwindled.

There is no good way—that is, nothing A—to coming this way. It is simply a matter of waiting for the weather to change. The humidity was less by 9 per cent. in the early morning than it had been on Monday, and as there was an air stirring, dwellers in the city were able to sleep a bit. The weather was better equipped for the battle with the calorific power than on the day before. The death rate was reduced and the list of prostrations dwindled.

Since the heated term began, nearly 200 persons have been killed directly by the heat. The deaths of hundreds more were accelerated by the heat. There were over 600 moral prostrations which were not mortal. Following is a list of the deaths and prostrations.

DEATHS. HANSEN, EDWARD, 40 years old, of 1808 Second street, died of heart failure, at his home, on Monday, Sept. 6, at 10 o'clock. He was a native of Norway. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man.

KLONDIKE OUTPOST GREATLY ENLARGED. WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Advance sheets of consular reports issued by the State Department to-day contain the following paragraph: "The Klondike outpost at Dawson City, Alaska, has been enlarged by the addition of 100 new buildings. The outpost is now one of the largest in the Territory. It is a well-to-do town. It is a member of the Lutheran church. It is a well-to-do man."

PROSTITUTIONS. CREECH, JOHN, 50 years, of 608 East 103rd street, at the corner of 10th and 10th streets, died of heart failure, at his home, on Monday, Sept. 6, at 10 o'clock. He was a native of Ireland. He was a member of the Catholic church. He was a well-to-do man.

WROTE THREATENING HER FATHER. A Queer Letter Brought Out in Mr. Kraft's Suit Against His Daughter. GUSTAVUS A. KRAFT is suing his daughter, Bertha M. Kraft, of 223 West Twelfth street, in the Supreme Court to recover a portion of the estate left by his first wife, who died a year ago last December. She left her two daughters, the house on West Twelfth street, and in addition \$2,000 in two mortgages, and \$1,500 in cash. Miss Kraft obtained letters of administration on her mother's estate. Kraft's attorney provided the basis of an arrangement for the adjustment of all territorial questions, but the manning of the agreement is commercial. It especially deals with spheres of railroad influence in China. A joint railroad line has been agreed upon from Tientsin to Chin Kiang. Germany agreeing to support Austria's position in a railroad concession in the Yantse Valley. Germany is favorable to the state of affairs in Egypt and is not seeking any territory in Asia Minor. In fact, the agreement provides a modus vivendi upon all questions.

THE KHALIFA'S ESCORT. HE TOOK 3,000 MEN WITH HIM—HOWARD'S IMPRESSIONS COST HIM HIS LIFE. LONDON, Sept. 6.—A despatch to the Central News from Omdurman says the Khalifa in his flight took 3,000 men with him. A despatch from Omdurman to the Central News says that Mr. Howard, the war correspondent, was not killed in the capture of Omdurman, as has been reported. Howard was anxious to get the first news of Charles Neufeld and other Europeans who were held as prisoners at Omdurman by the Khalifa, and accordingly pressed forward into the city before it was safe to do so. He was shot by a bullet which went into his chest and he died. He was a well-to-do man. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man.

CRABBY BY HIS BOY'S DEATH. Charles Hopper Tried to Kill Himself and His Little Daughter. PATTERSON, N. J., Sept. 6.—Charles Hopper, a farmer from Saddle River, Bergen county, became for a time a raving maniac as the result of the tragic death of his 8-year-old son Charles to-night. The Hopper carriage stood at the curb awaiting the driver in Barre, who was in a store. Mr. Hopper and his little son were on the rear seat and Charles was in front. The horse tugged at the lines and the spirited horse started to back. Mr. Hopper saw the danger and saw the dead body of his boy. He picked up the body and, dragging his little daughter behind him, he ran to the street. He was a well-to-do man. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man.

SUICIDE FOR LOVE. YORKMAN, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Walter C. F. Ross, a young man, committed suicide here this morning by shooting himself. Ross, who was employed in the New York office of the Toledo and Santa Fe Railroad, boarded at 322 Warburton avenue. Saturday he visited his relatives in the city. He was a well-to-do man. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man.

COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER A QUARREL. John Wachtel, a carpenter, of 48 Moran avenue, Williamsburg, yesterday committed suicide after a quarrel with his 15-year-old daughter Abbie. He thought that she had been disabused. He was a well-to-do man. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man.

INSANE COLONY AT CENTRAL ILL. Bids Asked by the State Authorities for the Erection of Buildings. ALBANY, Sept. 6.—State Architect I. G. Ferry has completed the plans and specifications for an extensive colony for insane patients at Central Illinois in Suffolk county, and the Lunacy Commission has authorized the Manhattan Insane Asylum to bid for its erection and equipment. The colony will be admirably adapted to the needs of the insane, and will accommodate 2,500 inmates, and it is estimated that the cost of the buildings will be about \$1,000,000. The colony will be a well-to-do man. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man.

WENT TO THE SYNAGOGUE TO DIE. Simon Bronner, father of Magistrate Jacob Bronner, died in the Synagogue Beth Shalom State street and Boerum place, Brooklyn, on Monday, Sept. 6. He was an orthodox Jew, and was one of the founders of the synagogue. He was a well-to-do man. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man.

ENTER A PROTEST. TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 6.—By a unanimous vote the Assessors of the town of Mount Pleasant decided to appeal from the decision rendered by Justice Bernard in the William Rockefeller case. The appeal must be filed before the 15th inst. at great risk to his life.

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THE LABOR COMMISSION.

President McKinley Names the Nine Members Left for His Selection.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—President McKinley some time ago told Senator Kyle that the members of the Labor Commission would be named in time to call a meeting in this city by Sept. 15. The president to-day announced the following nominations as members of the commission: Andrew L. Harris, A. N. D. North, Frank B. Sargent, Ellison A. Smythe, John M. Farquhar, Eugene D. Conger, Thomas W. Phillips, Charles J. Harris, M. D. Batcher.

Andrew L. Harris was Lieutenant-Governor of Ohio. John M. Farquhar is a labor leader and a member of the National Labor Union. Frank B. Sargent is a labor leader and a member of the National Labor Union. Ellison A. Smythe is a labor leader and a member of the National Labor Union. Eugene D. Conger is a labor leader and a member of the National Labor Union. Thomas W. Phillips is a labor leader and a member of the National Labor Union. Charles J. Harris is a labor leader and a member of the National Labor Union. M. D. Batcher is a labor leader and a member of the National Labor Union.

Mr. W. Phillips of New Castle, Pa., served two terms as Representative in Congress. During the Fifty-fourth Congress he was Chairman of the Committee on Education and the Arts, and during the Fifty-fifth Congress he was Chairman of the Committee on Education and the Arts. He was a well-to-do man. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man.

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LORD DUFFERIN SPEAKS.

HE BELIEVES ENGLAND AND AMERICA WILL NOT CLASH.

WE WILL NOT FORGET, HE THINKS, ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE IN THE WAR FOR THE CHANCE TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD BY HARMONIOUS CO-OPERATION WITH THAT POWER—HE OPENS THE CABOT MEMORIAL. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Sept. 6.—Lord Dufferin opened the Cabot memorial at Bristol this afternoon. Among the numerous distinguished guests present was Lord Strathcona, formerly Canadian High Commissioner in London, who expressed Canada's sympathy with the commemoration.

At a banquet given this evening Lord Dufferin made a speech in which he dwelt almost exclusively on Anglo-American relations. He said that brotherly sentiment might not always be an unerring guide, but it was worthy of being attached to a chief end, especially now. A new and critical chapter in the history of the world was about to open. In the solution of the difficulties that had arisen in the East the United States would be compelled to share, but it was worthy of being attached to a chief end, especially now.

He added that he had noticed a disposition in certain quarters to regard the recent friendly manifestation toward the United States cynically and pessimistically as merely an evanescent phase of popular feeling that was destined to be replaced by an attitude of hostility the moment a dispute arose. Considering the instability of human affairs and the complex forces co-existing within the borders of the multitudinous democracy, he could not say that the sinister prognostications would not be realized, but he believed that the probabilities were the other way.

Lord Dufferin referred to Great Britain's refusal to join the powers in attempting to coerce the United States in reference to Spain. It might fairly be anticipated, he said, that Great Britain's attitude at that critical turning point in the destinies of the United States would have a lasting impression on the memory and conscience of the American people, and would lead to the conviction that the peace of the world and the general prosperity of humanity would be best promoted by the harmonious co-operation of Great Britain and the other English-speaking nations.

RECIPROCITY TREATY. Mr. KASSON Working out the Details to Be Submitted to the Commission. QUEBEC, Sept. 6.—Mr. Kasson of the International Commission is not remaining in Quebec during the commission adjournment, as is first reported, simply for rest and quiet. He is hard at work with his secretary in the office of the American Commissioners, and admits that he is working out the details of a reciprocity treaty between Canada and the United States to be submitted to the commission when it reassembles here on the 20th inst. In his capacity as Reciprocity Commissioner under the Dingley tariff of last year, Mr. Kasson made some progress in the details of the United States treaty before leaving Washington, but suspended work for the time being when the Canadian Reciprocity Commission was organized in London.

That the two countries have come to closer quarters, even though most people do not realize it, is the withdrawal of Canadian preference, Mr. Kasson will endeavor to complete a schedule and form of treaty that may be submitted for discussion to the subject when the commission reassembles.

ANGLO-GERMAN AGREEMENT. It Deals Comprehensively with Commercial and Territorial Questions. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Sept. 6.—The Full Mail Gazette announces positively that the Anglo-German agreement provides the basis of an arrangement for the adjustment of all territorial questions, but the manning of the agreement is commercial. It especially deals with spheres of railroad influence in China. A joint railroad line has been agreed upon from Tientsin to Chin Kiang. Germany agreeing to support Austria's position in a railroad concession in the Yantse Valley. Germany is favorable to the state of affairs in Egypt and is not seeking any territory in Asia Minor. In fact, the agreement provides a modus vivendi upon all questions.

DEATH CAUSED BY EXCESS OF FAT. Mrs. Manigie Believed to Have Been the Largest Woman in the South. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 6.—Mrs. Mary Manigie, colored, died here to-day. She was probably the largest woman in the South, and weighed 500 pounds. She was 30 years old. As a child she was not unusually large, and it was only within the last few years that she accumulated so much fat. For the last six months she was unable to move, and could only get up with the aid of her attendants. The result of the excessive accumulation of adipose tissue.

OBITUARY. George W. Cassidy, who was the first City Clerk of Jersey City, died on Sunday at his home in Elizabeth. His father, Samuel Cassidy, had been clerk of Paulus Hook, and when that and Abramam, another small village, consolidated and were chartered as Jersey City in 1801 George W. Cassidy was elected City Clerk. He continued in the office until 1830, when he was elected Mayor. He was a well-to-do man. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man.

NEW CHARGE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM DELAWARE. WILLIAMSON, Del., Sept. 6.—The Grand Jury of the United States Court to-day found another indictment against United States Senator Richard B. Kenney. It charges conspiracy to embezzle and misapply the funds of the First National Bank of Dover. Kenney was a well-to-do man. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a well-to-do man.

A WOMAN HORSESHIT BREAKS JAIL. PERCY, Oklahoma, Sept. 6.—A woman horsehit, Doris Cox, who was confined in the county jail at Kingfisher, succeeded in making her escape last night. About 11 o'clock, while her inmates were all asleep, she twisted the lock on her cell out of shape, and, going into the waiting room with a case knife, took the lock of the outer door and floor. She was arrested last spring on the charge of stealing horses from farmers.

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Did You Ever?

Did you ever notice that when a man gets rich enough to be conservative he generally invests his wealth in a kind of security that can't get away from him easily—that is, in first mortgages upon real estate? Of course, as a rule, a man has got to have some experience and considerable money to successfully invest in mortgages. Most people haven't got either the experience or the money to be investors in mortgages. Now, suppose you had some money saved, or had got to the position where you could save some money, and wanted to invest in mortgages. How would you go about it? Probably you don't know. Now, wouldn't it be a great idea if a friend whom you could trust, and whose financial responsibility was above suspicion, and who had successfully invested millions of dollars in mortgages in and around New York city; supposing such a friend would say to you:

"You don't need either experience or money if you will invest in million-dollar mortgages. I can put in gilt-edged mortgages on small dwellings in and around New York. I will take your money, up to five thousand dollars, and if you like I will take it in installments as low as fifty cents a week, and invest it for you in mortgages earning six per cent. I cannot pay you six per cent, for the cost of managing my business is about one per cent. per annum on the money handled. But I will agree to return your money to you at any time, if you so desire, and I will give you five per cent. dividends. I will show you my books for the last ten years, to prove that I have handled the money of a great many thousands of people, that my investments have reached into the millions, that I have never lost a cent entrusted to me, never placed a dividend to the people whose money I have handled, and that my opportunities for doing a successful and profitable business are better to-day than ever before."

Now, don't you think your friend would have laid down a proposition worth thinking about, and worth investigating, if you had any dollars to save? But The Franklin Society for Home-Building and Savings makes out a stronger case for you. It has got installed the finest installment mortgage system in operation anywhere. It lends its funds exclusively upon dwelling property in the Metropolitan District—the best security in the world. It never lends more than \$10,000 on any risk. It is more than ten years old, and is the largest, most conservatively managed, and most successful co-operative savings institution in the State. It is under the supervision of the State Banking Department, and its facilities for handling loans are such that it can safely invest a million dollars a year or more for its members. Should you desire to know more about it, write for literature to THE FRANKLIN SOCIETY for Home-Building and Savings, 34 Park Row, New York. MAURICE L. MUEHLEMAN, President. C. O'CONNOR HENNESSY, Secretary-Treasurer.

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